

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Electric lights and water supply to the Municipalities.

41. * **Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai:** (*Municipal Councils*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they are aware of the great hardships experienced by some of the Municipalities on account of the absence of electric lights and protected water supply ; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to remove the said hardships ?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker (*Secretary to Government*) :

(a) Government are not aware.

(b) It is open to Municipalities to arrange for these amenities.

Alwaye Municipal fund misappropriation.

42. * **Mr. Paul A. Thaliath** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha cum Devicolum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether any action has been taken yet about the complaint in respect of the Alwaye Municipal fund misappropriation and falsification of Municipal accounts ; and

(b) whether any orders have been passed on the reports of the Commissioner of Police and Audit Officer in connection with this matter ?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker : (a) Yes.

(b) As a result of the enquiries made, Government are satisfied that the allegations are groundless.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath : Am I to understand from the answer that the Alwaye Municipality has not lost any money ?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker : The question is whether any enquiries have been made by Government. As a result of the enquiries by Government it is found that there is no misappropriation of Government money and that the Municipality has not lost any Government money.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath : May I know whether any enquiry has been made ?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker : An enquiry has been made.

President : What happened in this case was as follows :— A large number of petitions were received by me on both sides and I came to the conclusion that there was a case for an enquiry. An official enquiry was conducted and the result of the enquiry, as stated in the answer, was that the specific allegations that were made were groundless. Thereupon a deputation waited upon me